

**WEST VIRGINIA RANKING CRITERIA
WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVE PROGRAM
Riparian Habitat Improvement
(Songbird, Woodcock, General Wildlife)**

Factor 1	Land Ownership	Points
	Private	20
	Corporation/Non-Profit Org.	15
	Other	0
Factor 2	A. Relation to Cover Types/Land Uses	
	The contract connects two existing riparian areas together.	30
	The contract extends an existing riparian area.	15
	The contract will be an isolated riparian area.	5
	B. Adjacent Landuse (Use dominant or most intensive)	
	Pasture	20
	Cropland	15
	Hayland	5
	Recreation/Park	10
	Mined Lands	10
	Suburban/Urban	5
	C. Stream Quality	
	Along High Quality Stream	20
	Along Stream with Fishery	15
	Along Pond, Lake or Other Impoundment	10
	Other	0
Factor 3	A. Planned Riparian Area:	
	Width	
	35'	5
	36-50'	15
	>50'	20
	B. Location	
	One side of stream	10
	Both sides of stream	30

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C. Vegetative Composition (planned)		Points
	Mixture of Trees/Shrubs/Grass	20
	Trees/Shrubs	15
	Grass/Shrubs	10
	Grass (warm-season/cool season)	15
	Warm Season Grass	10
	Cool Season Grass	5
	Natural Invasion	15
D. Length of Planned Riparian Corridor		
	<200'	0
	200-500'	5
	501-1000'	10
	1001-1500'	15
	>1500'	25
Factor 4	Land Ownership	
	Single Individual	0
	Multi-Landownership	5
	Conservation Organization/Agency	10
	Partners in Wildlife	15
Factor 5	Partnership	
	USFWS Partners for Wildlife Project	
	Yes	20
	No	0

TOTAL POINTS: _____

TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS: 220

Threshold Value 100 Points